

Egypt E-Alert

Media Coverage Leading Up to the Egyptian Parliamentary Elections November 23, 2010

Egypt will hold its 2010 parliamentary elections on November 28th.

- Nearly 6,000 candidates, including over 300 women, will be competing for 508 seats in this election, in which millions of Egyptian voters are expected to participate.
- Elections will be monitored and managed by Egypt's independent judiciary-led High Elections Commission whose membership and subsidiary bodies include thousands of members of the judiciary.
- The country's 500 independent newspapers and unfiltered internet access, as well as the 450 international media outlets who have been accredited by the Egyptian government, will provide widespread coverage of the elections both in the coming days and following the November 28th elections.

Public television broadcaster fulfills commitment towards coverage of all parties.

After the first week of campaigning, Egyptian public media has hosted a broad range of political leaders to discuss their parties' platforms and goals for election.

Each of the fifteen parties participating in the election were given a 40 minute section to explain their principles and political platforms for the voters on the "Parties Conversations" show, which broadcast a 12-part series on the election. Individual election candidates are also given equal coverage through local TV channels, with each candidate getting a five-minute slot of free air time that is broadcast twice on consecutive days.

Media Guidelines

Accredited resident and visiting media may have access to both polling stations and vote-counting with the permission of the chairpersons of the district electoral committees and of the polling stations.

- The media may not address comments or questions to election staff or interfere in the electoral process or conduct interviews or polls with voters or candidate representatives while inside polling stations.
- Photography or videography inside polling stations and counting committees is allowed with the permission of the chairperson of the polling station or counting committee.
- Media may not engage in any form of campaigning or advertising for any candidate or party.

For more information on the 2010 Egyptian parliamentary elections, please visit the High Elections Commission's website by [clicking here](#).

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